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SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HARTMAN

1. YOUR ASSESSMENT OF ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION IN ROME'S 9148 AND 9149 WAS MOST TIMELY. BEAUDRY ACTIVELY REPRESENTED THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS IN JUNE 27 POLICY REVIEW MEETING, WHICH REACHED CONCLUSIONS VERY SIMILAR TO YOUR OWN. ONE DIFFERENCE, HOWEVER, IS LESS ANTICIPATION HERE OF EARLY NATIONAL ELECTIONS, UNLESS DC, PSI, ETC., COMPLETELY LOSE CONTROL OF PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION. I SHALL SEE THAT YOU GET A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE SUGGESTION IN ROME'S 9113 FOR EXPANSION OF EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH PCI, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ARGUE AGAINST ANY INITIATIVES IN THIS DIRECTION BY EMBASSY. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS ALREADY A USEFUL WORKING-LEVEL ARRANGEMENT IN ROME THAT CONTACTS WITH OTHER PCI REPS THERE ARE SOMETIMES NECESSARY OR UNAVOIDABLE AND THAT OFFICERS AT CONSULATES NECESSARILY

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HAVE BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH COMMUNIST LOCAL GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS. WE THEREFORE SEE NO NEED TO GO BEYOND EXISTING  
ARRANGEMENTS AT THIS TIME. FOR THIS REASON DEPARTMENT CAN-  
NOT APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THERE BE INITIATED A  
PROGRAM OF EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH THE PCI. INGERSOLL

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